Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for managing the distribution of on-demand media using an interactive television application, comprising:

receiving a request for on-demand media from a user wherein the on-demand media is associated with a suggested bandwidth for transmission of the on-demand media;

determining an available bandwidth that is available for the transmission of the on-demand media;

comparing the suggested bandwidth to the available bandwidth at a television distribution facility;

providing an option for the transmission of the on-demand media to the user that is based at least partially on the comparison of the suggested bandwidth to the available bandwidth; and

presenting the available bandwidth to the user on a display.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein receiving the request comprises receiving the request for real-time transmission of the on-demand media.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein receiving the request comprises receiving the request for transmission of the on-demand media at a future time.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein receiving the request comprises receiving the request for on-demand media that is selected from the group consisting of an audio selection, a video selection, an electronic publication, an electronic game, a software application, and any combination thereof.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising presenting the suggested bandwidth to the user.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5 wherein presenting the suggested bandwidth to the user comprises displaying the suggested bandwidth on the display.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5 wherein presenting the suggested bandwidth to the user comprises displaying a graphical representation of the suggested bandwidth on the display.

8. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein presenting the suggested bandwidth to the user comprises audibly presenting the suggested bandwidth.

9. Canceled.

10. Canceled.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein presenting the available bandwidth to the user comprises displaying a graphical representation of the available bandwidth on the display.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein presenting the available bandwidth to the user comprises audibly presenting the available bandwidth.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein comparing the suggested bandwidth to the available bandwidth comprises determining that the available bandwidth is greater than or equal to the suggested bandwidth.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein comparing the suggested bandwidth to the available bandwidth comprises determining that the available bandwidth is less than the suggested bandwidth.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein providing the option for the transmission of the on-demand media comprises providing the user with an ability to schedule a time for the transmission of the on-demand media to the user.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 further comprising providing the user with an ability to request a version of the on-demand media having a reduced bandwidth.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein providing the user with the ability to schedule the time for the transmission of the on-demand media comprises basing a

price for the transmission of the on-demand media on the
scheduled time.

18.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein
providing the option for the real-time transmission of the on-
demand media comprises recommending a time to the user for the
transmission of the on-demand media to the user.

19.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein
providing the option for the transmission of the on-demand
media comprises presenting a general trend to the user of
available time slots for transmitting on-demand media in
response to user requests.

20.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein
providing the option for the transmission of the on-demand
media comprises providing the user with an ability to request
a version of the on-demand media having a reduced bandwidth.

21.   (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein
providing the user with the ability to request the version of
the on-demand media having the reduced bandwidth comprises

basing a price for the transmission of the on-demand media on the reduced bandwidth.

22. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein providing the option for the transmission of the on-demand media comprises providing the option to transmit the on-demand media to a recording device for presentation to the user at a scheduled time.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein providing the option to transmit the on-demand media to the recording device for presentation to the user at the scheduled time comprises basing a price for the transmission of the on-demand media to the recording device on the scheduled time.

24. (Original) The method of claim 22 further comprising transmitting the on-demand media in a plurality of sections wherein each section is transmitted at the suggested bandwidth.

25. (Original) The method of claim 22 further comprising transmitting the on-demand media in a plurality of

sections wherein at least one of the plurality of sections has a bandwidth that is different than the suggested bandwidth.

26. (Original) The method of claim 22 further comprising transmitting the on-demand media at a bandwidth that is different than the suggested bandwidth.

27. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein providing the option to transmit the on-demand media to the recording device for presentation to the user at the scheduled time comprises basing a price for the transmission of the on-demand media on the available bandwidth.

28. (Currently Amended) A method for managing the distribution of on-demand media using an interactive television application, comprising:

receiving a request for on-demand media from a user wherein the on-demand media is associated with a suggested bandwidth for transmission of the on-demand media;

determining an available bandwidth that is available for the transmission of the on-demand media, wherein determining the available bandwidth comprises basing the available bandwidth on a measure of bandwidth usage;

comparing the suggested bandwidth to the available bandwidth at a television distribution facility; and

providing an option for the transmission of the on-demand media to the user in real-time ~~that is based at least partially on the comparison of the suggested bandwidth to the available bandwidth~~ if the available bandwidth is less than the suggested bandwidth.

29. (Currently Amended) A method for managing the distribution of on-demand media using an interactive television application, comprising:

receiving a request for on-demand media from a user wherein the on-demand media is associated with a suggested bandwidth for transmission of the on-demand media;

determining an available bandwidth that is available for the transmission of the on-demand media, wherein determining the available bandwidth comprises basing the available bandwidth on a predicted bandwidth usage;

comparing the suggested bandwidth to the available bandwidth at a television distribution facility; and

providing an option for the transmission of the on-demand media to the user in real-time ~~that is based at least partially on the comparison of the suggested bandwidth~~

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~~to the available bandwidth~~ <u>if the available bandwidth is less</u>
<u>than the suggested bandwidth</u>.

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36. Canceled.

37. (Currently Amended) A system for managing the
distribution of on-demand media using an interactive
television application, comprising:

a television distribution facility;

a user input interface;

local processing circuitry on which an

interactive television application is at least partially

implemented, wherein the local processing circuitry is

configured to:

receive a request for on-demand media from

the user input interface wherein the on-demand media is

associated with a suggested bandwidth for transmission of the

on-demand media;

determine an available bandwidth that is

available for the transmission of the on-demand media;

compare the suggested bandwidth to the

available bandwidth at the television distribution facility;

provide an option for the transmission of

the on-demand media to the user that is based at least

partially on the comparison of the suggested bandwidth to the

available bandwidth;

present the suggested bandwidth to the

user; and

a display on which the available bandwidth is

displayed.

38. (Original) The system of claim 37 wherein the request is a request for real-time transmission of the on-demand media.

39. (Original) The system of claim 37 wherein the request is a request for transmission of the on-demand media at a future time.

40. (Original) The system of claim 37 wherein the on-demand media is selected from the group consisting of an audio selection, a video selection, an electronic publication, an electronic game, a software application, and any combination thereof.

41. (Original) The system of claim 37 wherein the local processing circuitry is further configured to present the suggested bandwidth to the user.

42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 41 wherein the suggested bandwidth is displayed on the display.

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 41 wherein the suggested bandwidth is graphically presented on the display.

44. (Original) The system of claim 41 further comprising a speaker from which the suggested bandwidth is audibly presented.

45. Canceled.

46. Canceled.

47. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 37 wherein the available bandwidth is graphically presented on the display.

48. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 37 further comprising a speaker from which the available bandwidth is audibly presented.

49. (Original) The system of claim 37 wherein the local processing circuitry is further configured to determine

that the available bandwidth is greater than or equal to the

suggested bandwidth.

50.   (Original) The system of claim 37 wherein the

local processing circuitry is further configured to determine

that the available bandwidth is less than the suggested

bandwidth.

51.   (Original) The system of claim 37 wherein the

local processing circuitry is further configured to provide

the user with an ability to schedule a time for the

transmission of the on-demand media to the user.

52.   (Original) The system of claim 51 wherein the

local processing circuitry is further configured to provide

the user with an ability to request a version of the on-demand

media having a reduced bandwidth.

53.   (Original) The system of claim 51 wherein a

price for the transmission of the on-demand media is based on

the scheduled time.

54. (Original) The system of claim 37 wherein the local processing circuitry is further configured to recommend a time to the user for the transmission of the on-demand media to the user.

55. (Original) The system of claim 37 wherein the local processing circuitry is further configured to present a general trend to the user of available time slots for transmitting on-demand media in response to user requests.

56. (Original) The system of claim 37 wherein the local processing circuitry is further configured to provide the user with an ability to request a version of the on-demand media having a reduced bandwidth.

57. (Original) The system of claim 56 wherein a price for the transmission of the on-demand media is based on the reduced bandwidth.

58. (Original) The system of claim 37 further comprising a recording device, and wherein the local processing circuitry is further configured to transmit the on-

demand media to the recording device for presentation to the user at a scheduled time.

59.   (Original) The system of claim 58 wherein a price for the transmission of the on-demand media to the recording device is based on the scheduled time.

60.   (Original) The system of claim 58 wherein the local processing circuitry is further configured to transmit the on-demand media in a plurality of sections and wherein each section is transmitted at the suggested bandwidth.

61.   (Original) The system of claim 58 wherein the local processing circuitry is further configured to transmit the on-demand media in a plurality of sections and wherein at least one of the plurality of sections has a bandwidth that is different than the suggested bandwidth.

62.   (Original) The system of claim 58 wherein the local processing circuitry is further configured to transmit the on-demand media at a bandwidth that is different than the suggested bandwidth.

63.   (Original) The system of claim 58 wherein a price for the transmission of the on-demand media is based on the available bandwidth.

64.   (Currently Amended) A system for managing the distribution of on-demand media using an interactive television application, comprising:

a television distribution facility;

a user input interface;

local processing circuitry on which an interactive television application is at least partially implemented, wherein the local processing circuitry is configured to:

receive a request for on-demand media from the user input interface wherein the on-demand media is associated with a suggested bandwidth for transmission of the on-demand media;

determine an available bandwidth that is available for the transmission of the on-demand media, wherein the available bandwidth is based on a measure of bandwidth usage;

compare the suggested bandwidth to the available bandwidth at the television distribution facility;

and

provide an option for the transmission of the on-demand media to the user in real-time ~~that is based at least partially on the comparison of the suggested bandwidth to the available bandwidth~~ if the available bandwidth is less than the suggested bandwidth.

65. (Currently Amended) A system for managing the distribution of on-demand media using an interactive television application, comprising:

a television distribution facility;

a user input interface;

local processing circuitry on which an interactive television application is at least partially implemented, wherein the local processing circuitry is configured to:

receive a request for on-demand media from the user input interface wherein the on-demand media is associated with a suggested bandwidth for transmission of the on-demand media;

determine an available bandwidth that is available for the transmission of the on-demand media, wherein the available bandwidth is based on a predicted bandwidth

usage;

compare the suggested bandwidth to the available bandwidth at the television distribution facility; and

provide an option for the transmission of the on-demand media to the user in real-time ~~that is based at least partially on the comparison of the suggested bandwidth to the available bandwidth~~ if the available bandwidth is less than the suggested bandwidth.

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72. Cancelled.

73.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product having a computer readable medium having computer program logic recorded thereon for managing the distribution of on-demand media, the computer program product comprising:

means for receiving a request for on-demand media from a user wherein the on-demand media is associated with a suggested bandwidth for transmission of the on-demand media;

means for determining an available bandwidth that is available for the transmission of the on-demand media;

means for comparing the suggested bandwidth to the available bandwidth at a television distribution facility;

means for providing an option for the transmission of the on-demand media to the user that is based at least partially on the comparison of the suggested bandwidth to the available bandwidth; and

means for presenting the available bandwidth to the user on a display.

74.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 73 wherein the means for receiving the request comprises

means for receiving the request for real-time transmission of the on-demand media.

75. (Original) The computer program product of claim 73 wherein the means for receiving the request comprises means for receiving the request for transmission of the on-demand media at a future time.

76. (Original) The computer program product of claim 73 wherein the on-demand media is selected from the group consisting of an audio selection, a video selection, an electronic publication, an electronic game, a software application, and any combination thereof.

77. (Original) The computer program product of claim 73 further comprising means for presenting the suggested bandwidth to the user.

78. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 77 wherein the means for presenting the suggested bandwidth to the user comprises means for displaying the suggested bandwidth on the display.

79. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 77 wherein the means for presenting the suggested bandwidth to the user comprises means for displaying a graphical representation of the suggested bandwidth on the display.

80. (Original) The computer program product of claim 77 wherein the means for presenting the suggested bandwidth to the user comprises means for audibly presenting the suggested bandwidth.

81. Canceled.

82. Canceled.

83. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 73 wherein the means for presenting the available bandwidth to the user comprises means for displaying a graphical representation of the available bandwidth on the display.

84. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 73 wherein the means for presenting the

available bandwidth to the user comprises means for audibly

presenting the available bandwidth.

85. (Original) The computer program product of

claim 73 wherein the means for comparing the suggested

bandwidth to the available bandwidth comprises means for

determining that the available bandwidth is greater than or

equal to the suggested bandwidth.

86. (Original) The computer program product of

claim 73 wherein the means for comparing the suggested

bandwidth to the available bandwidth comprises means for

determining that the available bandwidth is less than the

suggested bandwidth.

87. (Original) The computer program product of

claim 73 wherein the means for providing the option for the

transmission of the on-demand media comprises means for

providing the user with an ability to schedule a time for the

transmission of the on-demand media to the user.

88. (Original) The computer program product of

claim 87 further comprising means for providing the user with

an ability to request a version of the on-demand media having a reduced bandwidth.

89.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 87 wherein a price for the transmission of the on-demand media is based on the scheduled time.

90.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 73 wherein the means for providing the option for the real-time transmission of the on-demand media comprises means for recommending a time to the user for the transmission of the on-demand media to the user.

91.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 73 wherein the means for providing the option for the transmission of the on-demand media comprises means for presenting a general trend to the user of available time slots for transmitting on-demand media in response to user requests.

92.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 73 wherein the means for providing the option for the transmission of the on-demand media comprises means for

providing the user with an ability to request a version of the on-demand media having a reduced bandwidth.

93. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 92 wherein a price for the transmission of the on-demand media is based on the reduced bandwidth.

94. (Original) The computer program product of claim 73 wherein the means for providing the option for the transmission of the on-demand media comprises means for providing the option to transmit the on-demand media to a recording device for presentation to the user at a scheduled time.

95. (Original) The computer program product of claim 94 wherein a price for the transmission of the on-demand media to the recording device is based on the scheduled time.

96. (Original) The computer program product of claim 94 further comprising means for transmitting the on-demand media in a plurality of sections wherein each section is transmitted at the suggested bandwidth.

97. (Original) The computer program product of claim 94 further comprising means for transmitting the on-demand media in a plurality of sections wherein at least one of the plurality of sections has a bandwidth that is different than the suggested bandwidth.

98. (Original) The computer program product of claim 94 further comprising means for transmitting the on-demand media at a bandwidth that is different than the suggested bandwidth.

99. (Original) The computer program product of claim 94 wherein a price for the transmission of the on-demand media is based on the available bandwidth.

100. (Currently Amended) A computer program product having a computer readable medium having computer program logic recorded thereon for managing the distribution of on-demand media, the computer program product comprising:

means for receiving a request for on-demand media from a user wherein the on-demand media is associated with a suggested bandwidth for transmission of the on-demand media;

means for determining an available bandwidth that is available for the transmission of the on-demand media, wherein the available bandwidth is based on a measure of bandwidth usage;

means for comparing the suggested bandwidth to the available bandwidth at a television distribution facility; and

means for providing an option for the transmission of the on-demand media to the user in real-time that is based at least partially on the comparison of the suggested bandwidth to the available bandwidth if the available bandwidth is less than the suggested bandwidth.

101. (Currently Amended) A computer program product having a computer readable medium having computer program logic recorded thereon for managing the distribution of on-demand media, the computer program product comprising:

means for receiving a request for on-demand media from a user wherein the on-demand media is associated with a suggested bandwidth for transmission of the on-demand media;

means for determining an available bandwidth that is available for the transmission of the on-demand media,

wherein the available bandwidth is based on a predicted

bandwidth usage;

means for comparing the suggested bandwidth to

the available bandwidth at a television distribution facility;

and

means for providing an option for the

transmission of the on-demand media to the user in real-time

~~that is based at least partially on the comparison of the~~

~~suggested bandwidth to the available bandwidth~~ if the

available bandwidth is less than the suggested bandwidth.

102. Canceled.

103. Canceled.

104. Canceled.

105. Canceled.

106. Canceled.

107. Canceled.

108. Canceled.

109. (New) The method of claim 28 wherein providing the option for the transmission of the on-demand media in real-time comprises providing the user with an ability to request a version of the on-demand media having a reduced bandwidth.

110. (New) The method of claim 109 wherein providing the user with the ability to request the version of the on-demand media having the reduced bandwidth comprises basing a price for the transmission of the on-demand media on the reduced bandwidth.

111. (New) The method of claim 28 further comprising presenting the suggested bandwidth to the user on a display.

112. (New) The method of claim 28 further comprising presenting the available bandwidth to the user on a display.

113. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein providing the option for the transmission of the on-demand media in real-time comprises providing the user with an ability to

request a version of the on-demand media having a reduced

bandwidth.

114. (New) The method of claim 113 wherein providing

the user with the ability to request the version of the on-

demand media having the reduced bandwidth comprises basing a

price for the transmission of the on-demand media on the

reduced bandwidth.

115. (New) The method of claim 29 further comprising

presenting the suggested bandwidth to the user on a display.

116. (New) The method of claim 29 further comprising

presenting the available bandwidth to the user on a display.

117. (New) The system of claim 64 wherein providing

the option for the transmission of the on-demand media in

real-time comprises providing the user with an ability to

request a version of the on-demand media having a reduced

bandwidth.

118. (New) The system of claim 117 wherein providing

the user with the ability to request the version of the on-

demand media having the reduced bandwidth comprises basing a price for the transmission of the on-demand media on the reduced bandwidth.

119. (New) The method of claim 64 further comprising presenting the suggested bandwidth to the user on a display.

120. (New) The method of claim 64 further comprising presenting the available bandwidth to the user on a display.

121. (New) The system of claim 65 wherein providing the option for the transmission of the on-demand media in real-time comprises providing the user with an ability to request a version of the on-demand media having a reduced bandwidth.

122. (New) The system of claim 121 wherein providing the user with the ability to request the version of the on-demand media having the reduced bandwidth comprises basing a price for the transmission of the on-demand media on the reduced bandwidth.

123. (New) The method of claim 65 further comprising presenting the suggested bandwidth to the user on a display.

124. (New) The method of claim 65 further comprising presenting the available bandwidth to the user on a display.

125. (New) The computer program product of claim 100 wherein providing the option for the transmission of the on-demand media in real-time comprises providing the user with an ability to request a version of the on-demand media having a reduced bandwidth.

126. (New) The computer program product of claim 125 wherein providing the user with the ability to request the version of the on-demand media having the reduced bandwidth comprises basing a price for the transmission of the on-demand media on the reduced bandwidth.

127. (New) The method of claim 100 further comprising presenting the suggested bandwidth to the user on a display.

128. (New) The method of claim 100 further comprising presenting the available bandwidth to the user on a display.

129. (New) The computer program product of claim 101 wherein providing the option for the transmission of the on-demand media in real-time comprises providing the user with an ability to request a version of the on-demand media having a reduced bandwidth.

130. (New) The computer program product of claim 129 wherein providing the user with the ability to request the version of the on-demand media having the reduced bandwidth comprises basing a price for the transmission of the on-demand media on the reduced bandwidth.

131. (New) The method of claim 101 further comprising presenting the suggested bandwidth to the user on a display.

132. (New) The method of claim 101 further comprising presenting the available bandwidth to the user on a display.